



EDITORIAL

On Positioning the HKJOT

The new Journal Citation Reports (JCR) published by Thomson Reuters were released on 28 June 2012. I am pleased to report that the HKJOT saw a slight increase in its impact factor (IF) from 0.143 in 2010 to 0.353 in 2011, and is now ranked 50th (out of 58 journals) in the Rehabilitation Category of the Science Citation Index (SCI) (Journal Citation Report, 2012a). This IF is still slightly less than the Journal's first IF of 0.462 in 2009, but the HKJOT is actually healthier now with a significant increase in the number of articles published, faster peer review, and shorter time to online publication. Hong Kong is only a small city in journal publishing terms; SCI-listed journals with IFs in Hong Kong are rare and all face similar problems of limited submissions and small total number of

published articles (Table 1). A quick survey of a total of 72 articles published in the HKJOT from 2001 to 2011 was done. The types of studies published, in descending order of frequency, were instrument development and testing papers (25%, $n = 18$), effectiveness studies (15.3%, $n = 11$), efficacy studies (13.9%, $n = 10$), health surveillances (13.9%, $n = 10$), commentaries on professional or research issues (12.5%, $n = 9$), systematic reviews or meta-analyses (5.6%, $n = 4$), others (clinical notes, case reports, etc.; 5.6%, $n = 4$), student or graduate surveys (4.2%, $n = 3$), and basic research (4.2%, $n = 3$). Only a few of them were randomized controlled trials or meta-analyses, which are of the highest level of evidence.

Table 1 2012 SCI-listed Journals Published in Hong Kong with Impact Factors.

Journal	2011 Impact Factor	Database	Total number of published articles in the year
Asia Pacific Law Review	0.075	SSCI	7
Communications in Computational Physics	1.397	SCIE	128
Hong Kong Journal of Dermatology & Venereology	0.059 (2010; not listed in 2011)	SCIE	18
Hong Kong Journal of Emergency Medicine	0.103	SCIE	69
Hong Kong Journal of Occupational Therapy	0.353	SCIE	11
Hong Kong Journal of Paediatrics	0.027	SCIE	35
Journal of Chinese Linguistics	0.179	SSCI	15

SCIE = Science Citation Index Expanded; SSCI = Social Science Citation Index. Reference: Journal Citation Report (2012a; 2012b).

Table 2 Occupational Therapy Journals Listed in the 2012 JCR Database.

Journal	2011 Impact Factor	Database
American Journal of Occupational Therapy	1.697	SSCI
Australian Occupational Therapy Journal	0.677	SCIE
Hong Kong Journal of Occupational Therapy	0.353	SCIE
Occupational Therapy International	0.526	SCIE or SSCI
Occupational Therapy Journal of Research: Occupation, Participation and Health	0.795	SSCI
Physical and Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics	1.208	SCIE or SSCI
Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy	1.070	SCIE or SSCI

SCIE = Science Citation Index Expanded; SSCI = Social Science Citation Index. Reference: Journal Citation Report (2012a; 2012b).

There were also increases in the IFs of several familiar overseas OT journals, like the Scandinavian Journal of Occupational Therapy, American Journal of Occupational Therapy, Occupational Therapy Journal of Research: Occupation, Participation and Health, and the Australian Occupational Therapy Journal (Journal Citation Report, 2012a; 2012b). Two OT journals are in the list for the first time — Occupational Therapy International, and Physical and Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics (Table 2). I am glad to learn about this as OT journals are now more common in international academic exchanges and we are facing more competition from our OT colleagues in other parts of the world. While the use of the *h* index (which reflects both the number of publications and the number of citations per publication) is increasing, and HKJOT authors have the lowest *h* index scores among the 12 OT journals listed in SCOPUS (Brown, 2011), I believe that the IF remains a user-friendly and more commonly used quantitative rating of a journal's quality. The HKJOT is an important OT journal in the Asian context, and its IF serves an important purpose

for scholars and OT professionals to know the Journal's ranking. The HKJOT is the only OT journal with an IF in Asia.

We thank you for your paper submissions in the past 2 years. We hope that the HKJOT will continue to improve and that we will be able to more efficiently process the increased number of submissions and publish more articles (particularly reviews and meta-analyses) and issues per year. As always, the HKJOT is looking forward to your support.

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